

Remarks

Claims 1 to 10 are pending in the above-referenced case. The Examiner has allowed claim 3.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, and 4 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Oda, US Patent No. 6825264. Further, the Examiner rejected claims 1-2 and 4-10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Butler, US5,110,890. Applicants have amended claim 1 to describe that the siloxane resin has a number average molecular weight of at least 5,000 and a weight average molecular weight of at least 25,000. Support for this amendment may be found in Table 4 of the examples of the present application. Neither Oda nor Butler illustrate MT^{Pr}Q siloxane resins described by claim 1 as amended. The MTQ siloxane resins described as S-8 to S-13 of Table 1 of Oda have weight average molecular weights less than 10,500. Butler describes liquid silicone resins having a molecular weight (without distinguishing what type of molecular weight) of less than 1000. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider his rejection of claims 1, 2 and 4-10 based on these amendments. The product made by Applicant's method is novel and unobvious over the art as illustrated by Table 4 of the present application. Further, Applicant is claiming a MT^{Pr}Q siloxane resin having a particular weight average molecular weight and number average molecular weight – which is also novel and unobvious based on the cited art.

Therefore, the applicants request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn and claims 1-10 be allowed to issue.

Although the applicants believe in good faith that only a two month extension of time is needed for this reply, the applicants hereby petition for any necessary extensions of time. You are authorized to charge deposit account 04-1520 for any fees necessary to maintain the pendency of this application. You are authorized to make any additional copies of this sheet needed to accomplish the purposes provided for herein and to charge any fee for such copies to deposit account 04-1520.

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